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Colonel Jerry Adams announces decisions on several buoy requests at Lake of the Ozarks. As part of the decision process, Colonel Adams considered accident data, boating traffic patterns, public concerns, safety issues, and the recommendations of the Water Patrol buoy committee. The buoy committee consists of six district Captains from around the state.

The following buoy requests were heard at a public hearing on April 14th at Water Patrol General Headquarters in Jefferson City, Missouri.

REQUESTS APPROVED

1. 17-mile Cove Water Safety Committee requested four NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED buoys and two LIGHTED SIGNS across the mouth of the cove to create a No Wake-Idle Speed/No Anchoring cove on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, from 10 a.m. to official sunset between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. The committee recommended a NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED zone seven days a week year round. Colonel Adams APPROVED four NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED/NO ANCHORING LIGHTED buoys and two LIGHTED SIGNS to be placed across the mouth of the cove making the cove No Wake-Idle Speed/No Anchoring on Friday, Saturday, Sundays and Holidays 10 a.m. to official sunset from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day. The permit is effective for one year and will be reviewed next year.
2. Four Seasons Group, The Club at Porto Cima requested one SIGN and two CONTROLLED AREA buoys for the purpose of making the cove a "NO ANCHORING" cove at the 16 mile mark. The buoy line will begin on the secondary point approximately 780 feet inside the cove before a small pocket on the golf course side and continue across cove in a straight line. The sign will be placed in the middle of the cove with one buoy evenly spaced on each side of the sign between the sign and shore. The request was approved. The permit is effective for one year and will be reviewed next year.
3. The Glaize Narrows Association requested six LIGHTED NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED buoys and three LIGHTED NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED/NO ANCHORING signs to be placed across the Glaize Arm near the mouth of the Glaize Arm, to create a NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED/NO ANCHORING AREA on

Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, from 10 a.m. to official sunset between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. The request was approved. The information should be stated on the front and back of the three LIGHTED SIGNS within the buoy line. The Glaize Narrows Association must also place signs at all boat ramps in the NO WAKE area stating the same information. The permit is effective for one year and will be reviewed next year.

REQUESTS NOT APPROVED

1. Max Fisher requested an APPEAL HEARING for a request for four NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED buoys to be placed across mouth of cove at the 31 mile mark, Jack Salmon Bay Cove, Lake of the Ozarks, Camden County. The request was DENIED because the application is not in compliance with 11 CSR 80.5.010 Rule 4.A.
2. Waters Edge Condominium Association requested an APPEAL HEARING for a request to MODIFY the current permit for six NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED buoys to be moved towards the mouth of the cove and stretching approximately 1014 feet at the 13 mile mark, Lake of the Ozarks, Camden County. The request was DENIED because the application is not in compliance with 11 CSR 80.5.010 Rule 4.A.
3. Harbor Point Condominium Association, Inc. requested a MODIFICATION to extend the NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED zone out to the main channel with buoys to stretch approximately 1200 feet across the cove. The request was DENIED because the application is not in compliance with 11 CSR 80.5.010 Rule 4.A.

Colonel Adams believes that new buoyed areas will make Lake of the Ozarks a safer and more enjoyable lake for boating. Colonel Adams is limiting buoyed areas only to those that have the highest amounts of traffic and are the most hazardous or have special circumstances that necessitate regulation. This will promote boating safety while being as unrestrictive as possible.

Watch the Missouri State Water Patrol homepage at www.mswp.state.mo.us for updates on Boating Safety Courses in your area.

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